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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. AS 47.70.010-080.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Violation of Compact is misdemeanor punishable by fine of not more than \$200.00 (47.70.070).

Age of Majority. Age 18 except for consumption of alcohol, AS 25.20.010.

Court Jurisdiction. Superior Court for all children and family matters.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Custody Investigation Requests. Are not a function under ICPC. Requests can be made to one of the following offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau:

Custody Investigation Office
Trial Courts State of Alaska
Third Judicial District
203 "K" Street, Room 214
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Custody Investigation Office
Trial Courts State of Alaska
Fourth Judicial District
604 Barnette Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Custody Investigation Office
Trail Courts State of Alaska
First Judicial District
P.O. Box 114100
Juneau, AK 99811

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly unless otherwise requested.

Licensing: Requirements. Office of Children's Services licenses non-medical community care facilities. These include: child day care centers and homes; child foster homes; child group homes and institutions; adult foster homes; adult residential facilities; and child placement agencies. (47.35.100)

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PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful. ICPC procedures must be followed by the parties involved in the independent placement. Require (1) Adoptive home study, (2) Child new birth health report, (3) Health history on birth parents, (4) statement regarding applicability of ICWA, (5) Legal Risk Assessment signed by adoptive parents if both parents have not consented, relinquished, or had rights terminated, and (6) Consents, relinquishments, or terminations of both birth parents.

Adoption Petition. May be filed in Superior Court in any of the four judicial districts. Residency not required. Final decree may not be issued until child has lived in the adoptive home for time to allow observation but time not specified. Parental rights may be voluntarily relinquished (AS 20.15.180) or terminated by order of the Court prior to the adoption proceeding (AS 47.10.080(c)) or by order of the Court issued in conjunction with the adoption proceeding (AS 20.15.180). Rights of both parents must be terminated.

Residential Placements

- All residential placements require interstate approval after acceptance by facility.
- Requirements for Placements. ICPC-100A, diagnostic evaluations and custody documents.
- Approval of Facilities. The Office of Children's Services within the Department of Health and Social Services has been delegated the responsibility for licensing all community care facilities with the exception of medical. Licenses are renewed biennially.
- Rate Setting. Facilities set their own rate.
- Monitoring of the Child is the Sending Agency's responsible.
- Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth. Placement must comply with Interstate Compact requirements and be in best interest of the child. Legal and financial responsibility remains with the sending agency.

Foster Care Placements

- Placements must comply with the ICPC and be in the best interest of the child. Foster family homes, related or unrelated, must be approved in accordance with Alaska foster home standards.

PAYMENTS

TANF Payments. Payments are provided for out-of-state children placed with relatives in Alaska if eligibility requirements are met.

Medicaid Payments. If child is Title TV-E eligible, receiving state provides Medicaid. Medicaid payments are made for Alaskan children placed in other states, if the child is not IV-E or otherwise eligible for Medicaid in the receiving state.

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Foster Care Payments. Alaska pays the rate of the receiving state. Special Education Payments. Payments are the responsibility of the sending state.

Adoption Subsidy. Subsidy is for monthly maintenance and is paid to adoptive parents of Alaskan children living out of state.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Juvenile Compact Office. William Hurr (907) 462-2212

Mental Health. (907) 465-3370.